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NEW YEAR'S ATTACK

Most of 39 dead were foreign tourists from Muslim nations

Alaa Al-Muhandis
FACEBOOK

The Canadian killed in the New Year's attack on an Istanbul nightclub has been identified as Alaa Al-Muhandis of Milton, Ont.

Several media outlets reported Monday that the mother of two was among the 39 killed when a gunman opened fire at a popular Turkish club during New Year's celebrations.

Daesh made an unusual claim of responsibility for the terrorist attack in Turkey, saying a "soldier of the caliphate" carried out the mass shooting at Reina, a nightclub on the Bosphorus.

The group, also known as Islamic State, ISIS or ISIL, said Christian revellers were targeted in response to Turkish military operations against the militants in northern Syria, but most of the dead were foreign tourists from Muslim countries.

Mohammed Hamoudi, the president of non-profit organization Mesopotamia Group, knew Al-Muhandis professionally through her event-décor business, Looloo's Arrangements. Hamoudi added that he was shocked when he heard the news, especially because Al-Muhandis was "so young."

In a statement Sunday, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau confirmed that a Canadian woman had been killed in the attack and offered his condolences to the "families and friends of all of the victims of this horrible act."

The nightclub assailant, armed with a long-barrelled weapon, killed a policeman and a civilian early Sunday outside the Reina club before entering and firing at some of the estimated 600 people inside. The establishment is frequented by famous locals, including singers, actors and athletes.

MORE ON THE TURKISH NIGHTCLUB ATTACK
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'Stop pandering to the car crowd'

Embrace the new you, John Tory. Don't look back. **Matt Elliott, metroVIEWS**

The Absolute Towers, also known as the Marilyn Monroe Towers at Hwy. 10 and Burnhamthorpe. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Mississauga begins ascent

URBAN PLANNING

Growth easy to see, but city wants progress on other things

An unprecedented number of mega-projects are moving forward in Mississauga, and multinational corporations continue to eye the GTA's second-largest city when considering where to set up their operations.

But Mississauga has problems, too: a ballooning budget, residents who feel left behind due to a lack of affordable housing, and the recent boom in increased density or "vertical" growth hasn't always been accompanied with public transit planning.

These are just some of the major issues that Mississauga will have to deal with. They come with a price tag just as municipal costs are increasing.

"If you added the city's increase (to its budget) from 2011 to 2016, it's about 30 per cent," said John Walmark, chair of the City of Mississauga's citizen oversight committee.

He and his committee don't think municipal labour costs are sustainable.

From 2011 to the recently approved property tax increase for the city's portion of the 2017 bill, the average annual increase to the property tax bill in Mississauga for the city's share over seven years has been just shy of 6 per cent, more than triple the rate of inflation in Ontario over the same period.

Walmark, along with other political watchdogs, puts the blame squarely on a bloated payroll at city hall.

And he wants to take the same approach as Mississauga's neighbour to the north.

In 2015, an independent financial audit commissioned by the City of Brampton, concluded that its payroll was eating up way too much of that city's budget and it could not be sustained by Brampton's revenues.

Leaders listened and recently began addressing the report by dismissing more than 45 managers, including many of the city's most senior staff. Brampton Mayor Linda Jeffrey has also called for salary freezes, since taking office.

With Mississauga facing a $1.5-billion infrastructure gap, Walmark says a financial audit, just like the one Brampton conducted, is badly needed.

"Right now, our budget process is too much like a mutual admiration society."

Mississauga faces a growing transit gap, as service struggles to keep up with growth in many of its fastest-growing communities.

A new east-west bus rapid transit corridor north of downtown has so far attracted low ridership.

The city's new LRT, along its main thoroughfare, Hurontario St., is due to come into operation in 2022, and Dundas Connects, a plan for improved transit along a 17-km. east-west corridor, is now being studied.

> **Right now, our budget process is too much like a mutual admiration society.** John Walmark

Coun. Jim Tovey says transit needs to become a constant topic in the city. He says that must include what he describes as a lack of equitable funding from the province and Ottawa.

"With all the development that's going to happen in my ward alone, good luck getting out of your driveway in the next 10 years."

More than 20,000 residents are expected to move into the city's eastern lakeshore area that Tovey looks after. He cites data that he has collected, to illustrate the lack of funding for things such as transit and other development along the city's lakeshore.

"Waterfront Toronto has received $1.6 billion of funding from the two higher levels of government. Mississauga has received $4.03 million of funding for our waterfront from the province and the feds."

He says an LRT needs to be planned along the lakeshore, where at least three enormous developments are being planned for the coming decades.

Mayor Bonnie Crombie has stressed that plans to address the lack of affordable housing in the city need to be put in place.

She and Councillor Carolyn Parrish have pushed aggressively for a co-ordinated strategy and want a minimum number of affordable housing units built in future developments, as building is expected to mushroom along the new LRT route and as other major projects become operational.

"We do not want any residents to be left behind," she said. Developers are already lining up to build along the LRT route and are scooping up land for other major projects.

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CRIME

Police warn café owners to be vigilant after string of thefts

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

A coffee shop bandit could be on the loose in Toronto.

Police are warning café owners to be careful with their money following a string of robberies in the city's east end.

The owner of Savoury Grounds café in the Upper Beaches reported his shop was broken into Sunday night, the fourth café to be robbed in recent weeks. Previous break-ins were reported at Ashdale Brunch and Espresso, Lazy Daisy's Café and Te Aro.

Police spokesperson Craig Brister said it's not clear if the four incidents are related.

"People are definitely concerned, worrying if their store is going to be next to be hit," he said.

The only thing people can do is to be smart about how they handle their money, Brister said.

"If you are doing business related to cash, you don't want to be leaving it on the scene," he said, advising business owners to avoid keeping cash on the premises overnight.

"There's not going to be 100 per cent guarantee that you're never going to get broken into, but you have to try to make the effects minimal," he said.

NEW YEAR'S FIRE NORTH YORK MANSION DESTROYED
Fire crews were razing a multimillion-dollar North York home Monday after a three-alarm fire destroyed it New Year's Day. No one was in the house — on Forest Heights Boulevard, near Bayview Ave. and Hwy. 401 — at the time, according to the Ontario Fire Marshal's office. TORSTAR/PHOTO BY COLIN MCKEE/FOR METRO

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As Canada marks 150 years, one group will show what a Parliament full of women looks like. **Canada**

Humans of Toronto by K. Omar

"My sister has impacted my life. I lost my mom when I was young, so my sister was kind of a mother figure to me. She's younger than me, but I always turn to her for advice. Anytime I have an issue, she kind of helps me through it. It's likewise with her too, anytime she has an issue she can come to me. We have an open relationship, so yeah my sister is the best, I love her.

Humans of Toronto is K. Omar's social photography project aimed at photographing and talking to people in the city. Selections from her work feature weekly in Metro. See more at Humans of Toronto on Instagram.

For Toronto Muslims, Love Is The Cure

SOLIDARITY

Black Lives Matter getting a boost from online campaign

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

Young Muslims in Toronto are extending a helping hand to the local Black Lives Matter movement.

In a campaign dubbed Love Is The Cure, Muslim youth have started a Gofundme page to raise money for the anti-racism group. Their goal is to donate at least $5,000.

Organizers say they want to express solidarity with Black Lives Matter and help unite two communities facing similar challenges.

"Our obligation, religiously, is to stand for what's right and help others," said Ibrahim Hindy, the imam at Dar Al-Tawheed Islamic Centre in Mississauga and one of the people behind the campaign.

Black Lives Matter has kept the conversation about racism and equality front and centre at a time when many minorities are facing discrimination, Hindy said. "There's a general feeling that racism is being downplayed, and people's experiences are not being adequately represented," he said.

Hindy said the ongoing war on terror has provoked acts of discrimination against Muslims around the world. Here in Toronto, Muslim women have been assaulted for wearing hijabs, and a mosque in nearby Peterborough was recently set ablaze.

By donating to Black Lives Matter, Hindy hopes the local Muslim community can contribute to the growing conversation around racism and justice in the city.

"Nobody is going to be born understanding these things. We have to educate people about the history other people have faced," he said.

So far, the campaign has raised just over $1,000. For more information, visit gofundme.com/building-love-wblack-muslims-blm.

"There's a general feeling that racism is being downplayed."
Ibrahim Hindy

The crescent moon's conjunction with Venus.
YASSER AL-ZAYYAT/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

ASTRONOMY

Planets align in one of many '17 celestial spectacles

Photographers and astronomy buffs can start shooting their 2017 night-sky calendars tonight — if they haven't already.

At around 6 p.m. Tuesday, the moon will cross the southwestern sky, and appear just above Mars, which in turn will be just above Venus.

Stargazers got a preview of the event Sunday night when the moon skimmed just below Venus, which appears as the brightest star against the inky black sky. On Monday night, our lunar satellite posed between the two planets.

"It happens a couple times a year but often people aren't aware of it," said Allard Schipper, a councillor with the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada's Toronto branch.

"Half of them happen in the early morning," Schipper said, when only the most dedicated of sky-scanners are still awake.

Last night offered the prospect of another reward for those watching the heavens; Schipper said on Monday that at around 4 a.m. Tuesday a relatively short meteor shower, the Quadrantids, with about 120 meteors per hour, was expected to be visible.

"It happens a couple times a year but often people aren't aware of it."
Allard Schipper

All of these celestial spectacles are just the briefest of dress rehearsals for a year's worth of astronomical entertainment.

The highlight of the coming year will be the total eclipse of the sun in August — the first time in decades that a total solar eclipse will be visible from North America.

Most solar eclipses happen when the moon partially obscures the sun, appearing to take a giant bite out of the fireball.

In order to see a total eclipse, sky watchers must be directly underneath the moon as it passes between us and the sun. The chances of that happening over land are pretty slim — it hasn't happened above North America since 1979.

That's got astronomy experts like Schipper very excited.

On Aug. 21, the sun and moon will arc a path across the continental U.S. between Oregon and South Carolina. Anyone directly beneath it will see their whole world go dark for up to two minutes. Hotels along the route are already starting to fill up, Schipper said.

He's going to be making the trek south of the border to see it himself.

"A total eclipse is very rare, especially for North America," Schipper said. "Often you have to travel very far away, like to Australia or Africa, to see one."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Beer hall brings flavour of Berlin

EATING OUT

New venture by co-owners of Otto's Berlin Döner

Mary Wales
For Metro | Toronto

The folks behind Otto's Berlin Döner on Kensington's busy Augusta Avenue are ringing in 2017 with a new venture.

The three-week-old Otto's Bierhalle is housed inside a beautiful historic building on the corner of Queen West and Dovercourt Road.

Two of the restaurant's five owners, Konrad Droeske and Tom Masmejean, got to know each other through working in Toronto's DJ and music festival scene.

Their work brought them all the way to Berlin, a city renowned for its lively party and music scene.

While there, they fell in love with "döner," an uber-popular kebab-like sandwich made with rotisserie meats brought to Germany during the wave of Turkish immigration in the second half of the 20th century.

The idea for Otto's Berlin Döner was born.

A year and half later, "people are addicted," says Droeske. "They need their döner fix."

> **They need their döner fix.**
> Konrad Droeske

Earlier this year the co-owners sat down to dream up a second Berlin-like food place — a "Berlin-inspired" beer hall.

"We wanted to offer a lot of German classics and combine that with this concept of family-style sharing platters," says Droeske.

Guests are able to build their own meals from items like schnitzel and various German sausages like bratwurst and weisswurst, a traditional Bavarian sausage made from veal and pork back bacon.

"I literally called up every sausage producer in southern Ontario," Droeske said. "And these are our favourite ones."

For groups of three or more, Otto's Bierhalle offers a selection of sharing platters with names like "Oktoberfest", "Vienna" and "Kreuzberg" — named after one of Berlin's trendiest and fastest-growing neighbourhoods.

Other traditional German specialities, like cheese spaetzle — a homemade egg noodle dish baked with cheese and caramelized onions — and buttery pretzels also claim spots on the menu.

"The pretzels are going off the shelf like crazy," said head chef Andrew Bailey.

To wash it all down, carefully selected classic German lagers, weiss biers and hefeweizens stand alongside Canadian and Toronto craft beers from breweries like Halo and Burdock.

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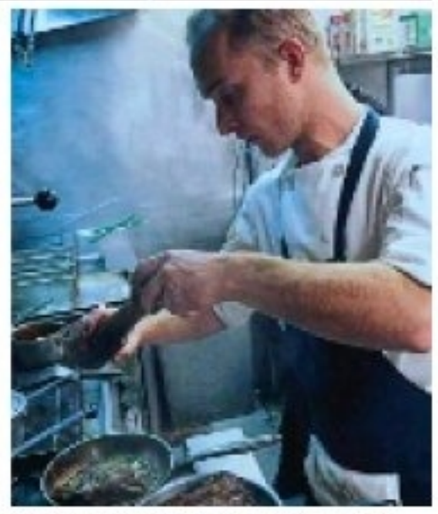

Top: The owners of Otto's Bierhalle, from left, Nav Sangha, Konrad Droeske, Matt Eckensweiler and Thomas Masmejean. **Right:** Head chef Andrew Bailey. **Left:** The food at Otto's Bierhalle.
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EDUCATION

McMaster math student wins coveted Rhodes scholarship

Becoming a Rhodes Scholar wasn't something Matthew Jordan ever gave much thought.

In fact, the 22-year-old student from Thornhill only applied to the prestigious all-expenses-paid scholarship to Oxford University in the U.K. after a friend encouraged him to.

"I applied pretty much on a whim," said Jordan, a student in his fifth year of McMaster's Arts and Science program. "I'm not going to win," he remembered thinking.

But win he did. Jordan is among 11 Canadians who received the scholarship this year, joining the likes of former Ontario premier Bob Rae, former U.S. president Bill Clinton and former prime minister John Turner.

It was a surprise, said Jordan, humbly adding that when he turned up to his interview he wasn't as polished and groomed for it as his peers.

"I spent most of my undergrad life doing very few formal organized activities," he said. "I haven't been a part of that many clubs or organizations or won many scholarships or owned a yacht et cetera."

It turns out though, that the path to becoming a Rhodes Scholar isn't so clear cut — as long as you are academically brilliant and show a strong sense of community and leadership. "There's no checklist to become a Rhodes Scholar," said Brian Rolfes, a Rhodes Scholar himself and the secretary of the Ontario Rhodes Scholarship selection committee.

Matthew Jordan, a math major at McMaster University, is one of 11 Canadians selected to be a Rhodes Scholar this year.
PETER POWER/FOR TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Applicants also have to be between 18 to 28 years old depending on where they're applying from and should be set to finish their undergrad.

Jordan, who has been on the Dean's Honour list throughout his undergraduate degree and received the Harry Lyman Hooker Scholarship for being in the top 10 per cent of his program three times, also earned two Undergraduate Student Research Awards (USRA) to do math projects over the summer.

In his spare time, he wrote a calculus textbook to help make math more relatable to people around his age, plays the piano, guitar, drums and enjoys jamming with his friends and busking on the street.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

5 WAYS TO MAKE THE MOST OF WINTER IN TORONTO

The holidays are officially over, we're back to work and deep into winter. It may seem like the best strategy is queue up the Netflix shows and crawl under an afghan until spring. But don't despair. There are plenty of free or cheap ways to enjoy the season, or at least make it a little more fun. Here are a few Metro-approved suggestions. **MAY WARREN** METRO

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1 Toronto Light Festival

The Christmas Market may be gone, but the Distillery District will be lit up with thousands of lights from Jan. 27 until March 12 for this free festival. Light sculptures, interactive light installations and maybe even some mulled wine, promise an antidote to the long dark winter nights.

METROLAND MEDIA FILE

2 Tobogganing

Toronto's ravines make this town a great place for tobogganing. Christie Pits, Trinity Bellwoods Park and/or your neighbourhood hill are all great choices. Just add a sled.

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3 Parkbus

Sick of the grey city slush but stuck without a car?
This non-profit takes you straight from Toronto to a number of winter wonderland destinations for cross-country skiing and skating. Launched in 2010, express bus shuttles run in the winter to Arrowhead Provincial Park, Horseshoe Valley and Albion Hills. Adult return tickets run from $40 to $82 depending on distance.

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4 Allan Gardens

If the cold really isn't your thing and you don't have the cash for a week at a Caribbean all-inclusive, you can always head to the conservatory at Allan Gardens. The free botanical gardens provide a brief taste of the tropics, complete with palm trees and cacti.

5 Free Skating

Take advantage of what Fairmont recently named one of the best outdoor skating rinks in the world, right here in Toronto at Nathan Phillips Square. Or if you prefer a view of Lake Ontario, there's always the rink at Harbourfront Centre, or any one of the city's 50 free outdoor rinks.

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BAGHDAD

Dozens killed in bombing

A suicide bomber driving a pick-up loaded with explosives struck a bustling market in Baghdad on Monday, killing at least 36 people in an attack claimed by Daesh hours after French President Francois Hollande arrived in the Iraqi capital.

The bomb went off in a fruit and vegetable market that was packed with day labourers, a police officer said, adding that another 52 people were wounded.

During a press conference with Hollande, Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi said the bomber pretended to be a man seeking to hire day labourers. Once the workers gathered around, he detonated the vehicle.

Daesh claimed the attack in a statement circulated on a militant website often used by the extremists. It was the third Daesh-claimed attack in as many days in and around Baghdad, underscoring the lingering threat posed by the group despite a string of setbacks elsewhere in the country over the past year, including in and around the northern city of Mosul.

Shiite militiamen loyal to Muqtada al-Sadr, the firebrand cleric for whose family the neighbourhood is named, were seen evacuating bodies in their trucks before ambulances arrived. Dead bodies were scattered across the bloody pavement alongside fruit, vegetables and labourers' shovels and axes. A minibus filled with dead passengers was on fire.

Asaad Hashim, an owner of a mobile phone store nearby, described how the labourers pushed and shoved around the bomber's vehicle, trying to get hired.

"Then a big boom came, sending them up into the air," said the 28-year-old, who suffered shrapnel wounds to his right hand. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mourners carry the flag-draped coffin of one of the victims of the attack at a nightclub on New Year's Day on Monday in Istanbul. Turkey's state-run news agency says police have detained eight people in connection with the attack. EMRAH GUREL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New Year's attack marks beginning of 'open war'

TURKEY

Daesh claims responsibility for shooting in Istanbul club

Daesh claimed responsibility Monday for a mass shooting at an Istanbul nightclub that killed 39 people, most of them foreign tourists, including a Canadian woman, who were ringing in the new year. It was the first claim of its kind for Daesh in Turkey.

The group said Christian revellers were targeted in response to Turkish military operations against Daesh in northern Syria. The claim came after a Daesh propaganda video urging attacks on Turkey, which is home to an airbase used in the U.S.-led effort against Daesh in Syria and Iraq.

Nearly two-thirds of the dead in the upscale club, which is frequented by local celebrities, were foreigners, Turkey's Anadolu Agency said. Many of them hailed from the Middle East.

Citing Justice Ministry officials, Anadolu reported that 38 of the 39 dead have been identified. The report said 11 of them were Turkish nationals, and one was a Turkish-Belgian dual citizen.

The report says seven victims were from Saudi Arabia; three each were from Lebanon and Iraq; two each were from Tunisia, India, Morocco and Jordan. Kuwait, Canada, Israel, Syria and Russia each lost one citizen.

The nightclub assailant, armed with a long-barrelled weapon, killed a policeman and a civilian early Sunday outside the Reina club before entering and firing at some of the estimated 600 people inside.

Daesh group boasts of having cells in Turkey, regularly issues propaganda in Turkish and is believed to have hundreds of Turks in its ranks. But until now, the main act of aggression it had claimed in Turkey was the March 2016 killing of a Syrian journalist and an attack on riot police in the province of Diyarbakir, which Kurdish militants also claimed.

For some analysts, the claim of responsibility signalled a shift in Daesh strategy in Turkey, a predominantly Muslim nation.

"It's a new phase," security analyst Michael Horowitz said. "What we saw before was an undeclared war, and now we're entering an open war."

The Daesh claim said only that the attacker was a "soldier of the caliphate" who struck to "let infidel Turkey know that the blood of Muslims that is being shed by its airstrikes and artillery shelling will turn into fire on its territories."

By attacking as the nation was celebrating the new year, the group indicated that it intends to continue being a "scourge" against Turkey in 2017, said Turkish Deputy Prime Minister Numan Kurtulmus.

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IN BRIEF

Scarface the dog attacks family over sweater

Police in Florida say a dog named Scarface attacked a family who tried to put a sweater on it. Tampa police say the pit bull mix bit a 52-year-old woman who was trying to dress it and her husband was attacked while pulling the dog off her. The couple's 22-year-old son was attacked trying to stop the dog by stabbing it in the neck and head. The three escaped the house and left the dog in the backyard. They ended up in hospital. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ALABAMA

Band marches toward inauguration controversy

The marching band of Alabama's oldest private, historically black liberal arts college has accepted an invitation to perform at President-elect Donald Trump's inaugural parade, organizers said.

Talladega College's band will march at Trump's inauguration as other historically black schools such as Howard University, which performed at President Barack Obama's first inaugural parade, said they won't be marching in the Jan. 20 event.

"We were a bit horrified to hear of the invitation," said Shirley Ferrill of Fairfield, Alabama, a member of Talladega's Class of 1974.

"I don't want my alma mater to give the appearance of supporting him," Ferrill said of Trump on Monday. "Ignore, decline or whatever, but please don't send our band out in our name to do that."

The move has lit up Talladega College's social media sites with a sharp debate about the band's decision to participate in the parade. Some people voiced strong opposition, while others support the band's participation.

"After how black people were treated at Trump's rallies, you're going to go and shuck and jive down Pennsylvania Avenue? For what?" Seinya SamForay said in an interview. "What they did is a slap in the face to other black universities." SamForay, of Chicago, was among dozens of people commenting on the school's social media sites.

The Presidential Inaugural Committee announced Friday that the Talladega College Marching Tornadoes was among 40 groups, including high school bands and military organizations, scheduled to perform in the parade. Some members of the Marist College band in upstate New York, also scheduled to perform at the inauguration, say they won't participate, a school spokesman said Monday.

Ron White of Atlanta, a 1997 graduate of another historically black college, Fort Valley State University in Georgia, said he questioned why band members from Talladega "should be playing all these patriotic tunes for someone who has degraded us."

At the same time, though, White said he respects the office of the president and he hopes that Talladega's band does well.

"What they should do in my opinion is play that national anthem the best way they've ever played it in their life, because you're basically saluting the country," White said in an interview.

The nation's historically black colleges and universities instil in students the idea that "ignored behaviour is condoned behaviour," said Reese Walker of Memphis, who marched in the band at Mississippi Valley State University. That's one reason he doesn't think Talladega College should participate.

Talladega College officials haven't returned several phone calls and emails seeking comment. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Experts on edge over free entry for Canada's 150th

BIRTHDAY BASH

Nature lovers sound alarm for national parks in 2017

A video address by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau during New Year's Eve celebrations that kicked off Canada 150 on Parliament Hill in Ottawa. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Parks Canada is preparing for an increase in visitors this year as people across the country and around the world request free annual passes to explore the nation's natural treasures as part of Canada's 150th anniversary celebration.

Conservationists say it is important for people to connect with nature, but there are concerns about how more tourists may affect the ecological integrity of some of the more popular parks.

Ben Gadd, a retired nature guide and author of Handbook of the Canadian Rockies, said he is worried about increased vehicle traffic.

"Clearly the highway system in the mountain parks — it is going to be terrible next summer all summer long," said Gadd.

"When you have that situation and animals trying to cross there are going to be more accidents, more animals killed."

Gadd said he is also concerned about crowded attractions, trash and people feeding or getting too close to wildlife.

He hopes there are enough staff to properly maintain the parks and to explain the rules to visitors, especially newbies.

According to Parks Canada, more than 900,000 people ordered a free Discovery Pass in the first two weeks after they became available last month.

The government predicts visits to national parks, historic sites and marine conservation areas will top last year's attendance of about 24.5 million.

Eric Hebert-Daly, national executive director of the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society, said the Parks Canada plan is a good idea in principle, but there are some dangers.

Some parks such as Banff, Jasper and the Bruce Peninsula in Ontario are already very busy. Adding more people could take away from their grandeur, he said.

There are also not enough wardens and scientists to monitor the health of the parks, he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

EQUAL VOICE

Showing Canadians a different Parliament

Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Ottawa

As Canada marks 150 years as a country, Equal Voice is hoping to show us what a dramatically different Parliament could look like.

The organization, which encourages women to run federally, is bringing 338 young women from across the country to literally take a seat in Parliament on March 8, as part of a conference called Daughters of the Vote.

Jasmine van Schouwen, a law student at the University of Ottawa will represent her riding of Kanata-Carleton at the event. She said she hopes the event will show that there are women interested in office.

"There is a big myth that there aren't women who are qualified or interested in taking political office," she said. "It will be a beautiful image to see that there are women who are ready to take these positions."

Currently, women occupy 26 per cent of the seats in parliament. Van Schouwen said that low representation leaves a lot of issues off the agenda.

"It means that women's issues are often simply not discussed, but it also means that young girls don't have women to look up to."

She said, even if just briefly, having every seat in Parliament occupied by a woman will show the system can change and be more representative.

Mary-Anne Carter, co-chair of the National Capital Region chapter of Equal Voice, said the event will include more than just the day in Parliament, but events designed to give women the tools to actually run for office.

Jasmine van Schouwen will represent the Kanata-Carleton riding during the Daughters of the Vote Conference. CONTRIBUTED

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BRENT TODERIAN ON HOW MATH CAN HELP BUILD GREAT CITIES

The math suggests that we've been doing a lot of things wrong. And the same math can help us understand how to do it better.

First, an admission: When I was in school, math was my least favourite subject.

But these days, as someone who advises cities and best-practice developers around the world on what I call "advanced urbanism," math just might be my favourite thing to talk about.

That's because when it comes to designing and building smarter and more successful places, we understand more about the quantifiable science of cities — the "math of city-making" if you will — than ever before.

When it comes to great cities, I'm the first to point out that not all that counts can be counted. But most of the things we can count lend support to smarter ways of thinking about how our cities grow and change. To be blunt, the math suggests that we've been doing a lot of things wrong. And the same math can help us understand how to do it better.

Here are just a few examples:

- A common political argument is that bike and transit riders should "pay their own way." A study in Vancouver, however, suggested that for every dollar we individually spend on walking, society pays just one cent. For biking, it's eight cents, and for bus-riding, $1.50. But for every personal dollar spent driving, society pays a whopping $9.20! Such math makes clear where the big subsidies are, without even starting to count the broader environmental, economic, spatial and quality-of-life consequences of our movement choices. The less people need to drive, the less we all pay.

- Another study in Copenhagen (where the full cost of transportation choices are routinely calculated) found that when you factor in costs like time, accidents, pollution and climate change, each kilometre cycled actually gains society 18 cents!

- Over the last decade, Canadian cities like Calgary, Edmonton, London, Halifax, Regina and Abbotsford have been doing the hard math on the real costs of how and where they grow — not just up or out, but how smarter design choices save costs. The resulting math has been powerful, revealing that tens of billions of dollars in public money have been spent on car-dependent suburban growth rather than on smart infill — and I haven't even yet seen such a study that includes *all* the full and life-cycle costs of our growth choices. Once these shocking numbers are revealed, municipal leaders can't "unknow" them, no matter what political ideology you live by.

Want more examples? There's math showing that replacing on-street parking with safe, separated bike lanes is good for street-fronting businesses. That crime goes down as density goes up. That you can move more people on a street when car lanes are replaced by well-designed space for walking, biking and transit.

Many of the biggest fear-based myths that get raised in city-building conversation are shown to be untrue when you apply cold hard counting to the conversation. And that's before we even get to the many intangible and uncountable (but equally well-demonstrated) benefits of smarter city-making. It's important to remember that if we just throw a lot of numbers around, people can easily fall asleep. I sure would.

But when you combine this unprecedented understanding of the math of cities, with a much more engaging, personal and persuasive approach to story-telling, then the conversation can get much more interesting and successful.

So that's why I now love math. If we're not boring about it, it can add up to much better cities.

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SKYLINE OF TORONTO. Many of the biggest fear-based myths raised in city-building conversation are shown to be untrue when you apply cold hard math to the conversation. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

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Tory should stop pandering to 'war on cars' crowd

TORY'S TORONTO
Matt Elliott

Mayor John Tory's decision in November to support putting tolls on the Gardiner Expressway and Don Valley Parkway signalled a surprising shift for the mayor. With his talk of getting real about the city's budget situation and prioritizing transit construction, it was as if we were witnessing the debut of a whole new Tory.

But in the weeks following the announcement, Tory has seemed a little uncomfortable with his new self.

The best illustration of this came just before the holidays, when Tory introduced the media to his new transportation chief Barbara Gray. Gray, formerly of Seattle, has hit the right notes so far on pedestrian safety and transforming our streets.

Tory, weirdly, made a point during the press conference of bringing back a phrase that should have been confined to a dumpster (and then maybe set on fire) after the Rob Ford era: the war on the car.

Specifically, Tory said he wouldn't be waging one. It's not clear why he thought this was a necessary thing to reiterate. But it prompted a front-page response from the Toronto Sun claiming the mayor was, in fact, waging a war on cars. In response to that response, Tory penned a column for the same paper, denying again the war on the car thing.

Enough.

Tory does himself no favours with any of this. To suggest that "war on the car" is even a remotely valid criticism to ever level at a Toronto mayor is to give credibility to an argument that deserves none.

Tory should never even use the words. There is no war. There's no possibility of a war.

Instead, there's a pressing need to address the appalling and unacceptable number of pedestrian deaths over the last year.

There's also the simple fact that the city has little room for more cars, so transit, cycling and walking become the obvious priorities.

Yes, Tory's acknowledgement of this reality — and his decision to support road tolls as a way to pay for the fixes — has made him new enemies.

But to heck with them. With an approval rating north of 60 per cent, virtually every political insider I've talked to lately has Tory as a shoo-in to win re-election in 2018. And highway tolls, long dismissed as political kryptonite, are already supported by about half of Torontonians.

There is no need to worry about — or, worse, pander to — the "war on cars" crowd. Doing so only risks alienating the support he will draw from those who want to build a better city and fix our deadly streets.

A new year is the perfect time for the mayor to leave the old crowd behind. Embrace the new you, John Tory. Don't look back.

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No more 'where are you from?'

Organizers Gina Oades and Haan Palcu-Chang at Mixed in the Six, an event aimed at building a community for bi- and multiracial Torontonians. COLE BURSTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

NETWORKING

Mixed in the Six opens a space for multiracial Torontonians

Erin Kobayashi
For Torstar News Service

I am eating a Singaporean and Peranakan-inspired dinner with people who look more like my family than my actual family.

The night before, I sat down to a proper English roast with my mother's family which is dominated by blue eyes, blond hair and pale skin, a striking contrast to my Japanese-Canadian father's side of the family.

But here at Mixed in the Six, a Toronto pop-up dining and social event held at Peter Pan Bistro, the more than 40 attendees look like variations of me: Strong, dark hair. Skin that doesn't burn in the sun. And despite vastly different backgrounds spanning from Jamaica and Norway to Finland and Singapore, every guest is well-versed in the Toronto mixed-race experience. We've all felt the invasive gazes and heard tired, othering questions like, "Where are you from?"

When group photos from the first "MIT6" surfaced on social media, attendee Michael Bray, who is Ukrainian and Chinese, commented, "These are my first family photos where the family all looks like me."

Although MIT6 has quickly matured into a sleeker community event that includes professional photographers and a DJ and dance party, it is also a safe space for attendees to swap stories about being the only mixed-race kid in school and sometimes, in the family, to conversations about dealing with micro-aggressions, harassment and bullying as a mixed-race person.

The head of the MIT6 "family" are Gina Oades, an occupational therapist and makeup artist and Haan Palcu-Chang, a chef, who met on a failed Tinder date.

"At our first coffee date, Haan mentioned that he has wanted to host a dinner bringing together mixed people," says Oades, who identifies as Filipino and Canadian (her father was adopted), "It wasn't until we ran into one another with our sisters at a concert that we all became mixed Asian best friends for life and realized that we should do this. It's a perfect platonic marriage."

The two got to work on a $25 ticketed event that would showcase live music by local multiracial musicians like Bray, and Charlene Dorland, while guests dined over Palcu-Chang's fusion-style feasts.

"I think for most people, but particularly those in mixed families, food is a very important element to their stories," says Palcu-Chang, who identifies as Chinese-Romanian. "For me, the food element is more than just feeding people. It's a symbol for what we are trying to do with Mixed in the Six: generosity, community, family, nourishment."

> **That feeling of not being 'black enough or white enough' seems to dissolve.**
> Gina Oades, Mixed in the Six

Professor G. Reginald Daniel, who edits the Journal of Critical Mixed Race Studies understands mixed-race events are naturally fun and exciting but he hopes young attendees recognize the legal, physical and psychological struggles and trauma older multiracial generations have gone through. For example, the U.S. law against interracial marriage was only outlawed in 1967.

And while MIT6 guests often cheekily gush over one another's attractiveness (many attendees happen to work as models, actors and performers), Daniel hopes mixed-race millennials don't get caught up in a strictly superficial multiracial discourse.

He notes how the mainstream media has latched onto the "happy hybrid," "racial ambassador," and "post-racial messiah" stereotypes of multiracial individuals that are dangerous because they portray "overenthusiastic images, including notions that multiracial individuals in the post-Civil rights era no longer experience any racial trauma and conflict about their identity."

MIT6 attendees know too well that a post-racial world free of racial prejudice and discrimination does not actually exist. The event is taking on an advocacy role, with a donation drive for Syrian refugees as well as highlighting the difficulty of those with a mixed-race background to find bone marrow transplants.

BRAIN INJURIES

Push for sharper focus on effects of female concussions

Katherine Snedaker says she has had 20 concussions, the first three decades ago from a car accident when she was 16. But it wasn't until her son suffered a series of concussions in the sixth grade, around 2008, that she felt compelled to learn all she could about head injuries to help him recover.

During her journey of learning, she has become a nationally known advocate for better research, medical care, and support for girls and women with brain injuries, including concussions.

She founded her non-profit advocacy group PINK Concussions in 2013 in response to what she discovered was a lack of focus on female concussions. She formed the group during a yearlong medical leave to treat breast cancer and while rebuilding her home, damaged by Superstorm Sandy.

Some studies show females suffer more concussions than males when playing similar sports. Doctors agree more research is needed on any gender differences and whether women experience more severe symptoms or take longer to recover.

Most research has focused on men, especially dozens of former football players who died from a degenerative brain disease that has been linked to concussions.

"There's a lot we don't know," said Snedaker, 49, a clinical social worker who gave up her regular job to advocate full-time at her own expense. "What I wanted to do was educate the public."

Snedaker has sought to keep a light shining on the need for more research, better medical care, and more community support for girls and women with concussions and other brain injuries suffered through sports, military service, domestic violence and accidents. She has organized several conferences that have brought together medical experts and military leaders she has met, done dozens of media interviews, and launched a website — Pink Concussions — to share information.

In March, Pink Concussions will hold its second annual international summit on female concussions and traumatic brain injuries; it will be hosted by the National Institutes of Health.

A major impetus to Snedaker's activism has been hearing stories in support groups and in surveys from women and girls suffering from concussions. Many shared similar stories of not healing as fast as people thought they should, doctors minimizing their conditions and feeling isolated while recovering at home, she said.

"These girls had been cycled through the medical community and kind of spit out," Snedaker said. "What totally got me were these women who were isolated and alone." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

$30 million

A $30 million, three-year study being done by the NCAA and Department of Defence is being billed as the largest ever of concussion in sports. Preliminary results are expected in late January with doctors indicating it may lead to rule changes and international guidelines on prevention and treatment.

JOHANNA SCHNELLER **WHAT I'M WATCHING**

Leaving us gasping for more

Music, directing, writing and acting come together in a startling way in Brit Marling's The OA. CONTRIBUTED

THE SHOW: The OA, Season 1, Episode 5 (Netflix)
THE MOMENT: The gasp (spoiler alert)

The OA (Brit Marling) and four others who've had near-death experiences are being held prisoner in adjoining Plexiglas cells by Dr. Hunter Hap (Jason Isaacs), who's desperate to prove there's an afterlife. But one of his experiments goes too far.

In grief and defiance, The OA begins a series of movements she learned in the afterlife. In the next cell, Homer (Emory Cohen) joins in. (Music begins to play on the soundtrack.) The lights dim for night. The pair continue moving in the dark.

In the morning, Homer and the OA are still dancing. (The music changes.) Rachel (Sharon Van Etten) notices something in the next cell. (The music swells.) Homer and The OA dance. Suddenly, another character sucks in his breath.

Watching this in my office with headphones on, I sucked in my own breath so loudly that my dog, asleep at my feet, woke up barking.

This series is impossible to describe. Essentially, it's about goodness, but it's all tone and mood.

The plot sounds absurd unless you're inside its spell. This is possible only because the creators — Marling and her frequent collaborator Zal Batmanglij write it, Marling stars in it, and Batmanglij directs — were able to realize a unified vision.

With most art, you aim for greatness and then accept when it eludes your grasp.

Here, Marling and Batmanglij create a perfect moment where writing, acting, direction and music come together in a way that's both startling and inevitable. That gasp is the rare sound of getting it right.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

ORDER OF CANADA

Tagaq is not into 'happy, pretty' art

Tanya Tagaq Gillis was among 100 awarded the Order of Canada. SIX SHOOTER RECORDS

As Canada enters a year marked by national birthday celebrations and the beginnings of an inquiry into the country's past, sordid treatment of its indigenous peoples, Nunavut-based throat singer Tanya Tagaq Gillis hopes her music will open minds and lead to change.

So far, though, she's been confronted by some closed ones — people who send her hate mail over how her art form breaks from tradition.

At home in the North, Tagaq Gillis, who is among the latest list of 100 Canadians to be awarded the Order of Canada, sees herself just like anyone else.

"I'm a very peaceful, lasagna, Betty Crocker mom when I'm not on stage," Tagaq Gillis said.

But in the spotlight, her persona can be dark and her music an intense ballet, often with psychedelic undertones and animalistic fury.

"I'm not into happy, pretty, sweet art that I can eat with a spoon," said the 41-year-old mother from Cambridge Bay.

Sometimes her art comes in the form of a statement of outrage over things like the sexual abuse that has permeated some indigenous communities and society's worship of oil and material wealth.

"There's a correlation between the sounds that I am making that are 'strange or ugly' and rampant child abuse in Nunavut," said Tagaq Gillis, who said she gets much inspiration from other contemporary artists. She mentions entertainer Britney Spears and conceptual portrait photographer Cindy Sherman.

Jan Andrews, who was also named Friday as a member of the Order of Canada, expresses herself differently, more quietly.

But the storyteller and author of a number of children's books, including Rude Stories, is just as passionate in describing how Canada's evolving diversity has allowed her to open up about her own life.

Known widely for leaving audiences quietly spellbound by her storytelling performances, Andrews' most recent recorded work is Written in the Body, a story about gender confusion and something that is part of her own life story.

"I grew up in a time when lesbians just didn't exist," said Andrews, who was born in 1942.

"I remember, growing up as a kid, what I wanted more than anything else was to be a boy."

Canadians can be "inspired" by the latest recipients of the Order of Canada, Gov. Gen. David Johnston said in announcing the appointments, comprised of 75 members, 22 officers and three companions — the highest elevation of the title.

The list also includes former Supreme Court of Canada Justice Morris Fish and former federal Liberal leader Michael Ignatieff.

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TELEVISION

Carey finds voice in war of words over New Year's nightmare

Dick Clark Productions is hitting back against Mariah Carey's claim it sabotaged her live performance on its New Year's Rockin' Eve special.

Carey's disaster during the annual New Year's Eve special in Times Square made international headlines: The superstar vocally stumbled through her short set, failing to sing for most of it despite a pre-recorded track of her songs playing in the background.

Carey was visibly upset during the performance and afterward tweeted "(expletive) happens." Her representative Nicole Perna blamed technical difficulties, and in an interview with Billboard she said Dick Clark Productions hampered Carey's performance.

"She was not winging this moment and took it very seriously," Perna told Billboard. "A shame that production set her up to fail."

Perna said Carey's earpiece wasn't working and she flagged the issue to the production team but was told it would be OK when she got on stage.

"However, that was not the case, and they were again told that her earpiece was not working," Perna said. "Instead of endeavouring to fix the issue so that Mariah could perform, they went live."

In a statement released on Sunday, the production company called such claims "absurd."

Mariah Carey and her team of dancers endured a mortifying New Year's Eve performance. EUGENE GOLOGURSKY/GETTY IMAGES

"As the premier producer of live television events for nearly 50 years, we pride ourselves on our reputation and long-standing relationships with artists," it said. "To suggest that DCK (Dick Clark Productions), as producer of music shows including the American Music Awards, Billboard Music Awards, New Year's Rockin' Eve and Academy of Country Music Awards, would ever intentionally compromise the success of any artist is defamatory, outrageous and frankly absurd."

It said that in "very rare instances" there are technical errors that can occur with live television. It said an initial investigation, however, indicated it had no involvement in the challenges associated with Carey's performance.

"We want to be clear that we have the utmost respect for Ms. Carey as an artist and acknowledge her tremendous accomplishments," it said.

A person familiar with the production of the show who asked for anonymity to speak publicly about the incident said all of the other performers, including Gloria Estefan, rehearsed onsite for their performances and Carey was there but had a stand-in for her rehearsal, atypical for the show's performers. The person said all of the monitors were working and no technical problems were found.

Perna later disputed the claim that Carey did not rehearse.

"Mariah did in fact rehearse at 3 p.m., Perna said. "She went through vocals and her team ran through sound. All was well at rehearsal. She was prompt for rehearsal and her performance."

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Roger Federer returned from six months on the sidelines with a knee injury to beat Dan Evans 6-3, 6-4 on Monday at the Hopman Cup

Matthews on pace for historic rookie season

MAPLE LEAFS

Teen's stats compare to those of legends in first years

If he keeps this up Auston Matthews will finish with one of the best rookie seasons the NHL has ever seen.

The Toronto Maple Leafs 19-year-old sensation scored twice, including the overtime winner, in Sunday's Centennial Classic and now leads all first-year players with 20 goals and 32 points through 36 games.

The No. 1 pick of the 2016 draft is currently on pace for 46 goals, a mark reached by only six rookies in NHL history — Alex Ovechkin's 52 in 2005-06 the most recent in a mostly Hall-of-Fame group that includes Teemu Selanne (76), Mike Bossy (53), Wayne Gretzky (51), Joe Nieuwendyk (51) and Blair MacDonald, who was 26 years old when he tallied 46 for Edmonton.

Matthews accomplishing the feat might be more impressive.

Everyone on that group, save Gretzky, was older than Matthews as a rookie. And Matthews is performing in a era when the goalies are much bigger and better and scoring is down substantially.

When Selanne tallied 76 goals for the Winnipeg Jets, for example, teams were averaging 3.63 goals per game with an average save percentage of .885. Today, the average is 2.73 goals per game with an average save percentage of .914.

Matthews isn't making it rain on the power play as Ovechkin did with Washington, when power-play opportunities rose substantially amid rule changes following the 2004-05 lockout. The Russian winger scored 21 of his 52 goals with the man advantage, while adding 28 markers at even-strength.

Ovechkin finished with over 450 minutes of power-play time. Matthews is currently on pace for just over 220 with clubs averaging almost three fewer power plays per game.

Matthews is actually on track for the second-most prolific rookie scoring season at even-strength. He's on pace right now for 39 even-strength goals, which would trail only Selanne's 52. The Great One himself had 37.

Eric Lindros, also 19 for Philadelphia in the 1992-93 season, scored 32 goals at even-strength in only 61 games, but did so in a league with more offence and power plays and substantially worse goaltending.

For Matthews to reach these heights in this era at this age, again, makes his potential feats all the more striking.

"I don't think I'm surprised any more," Zach Hyman, Matthews' season-long linemate, said. "When you have a shot like he does and his skill set, where he's able to get open, and when you take as many shots as he does — it's hard to get that many shots and he's able to generate tons of shots.

"With his shot, he's going to score a lot of goals."

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Auston Matthews' 20th goal of the season was the game-winner in the Maple Leafs' 5-4 victory over the Red Wings at BMO Field on Sunday. BERNARD WEIL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

> **He's got a skillset that allows him to do things that a lot of other people can't do.**
> Morgan Rielly

3.7

The number of shots Matthews takes per game. He is also scoring on 15 per cent of his shots.

CZECHS BOUNCED OUT OF TOURNEY Anthony Cirelli, right, of Team Canada plays the puck against the Czech Republic's Michael Spacek during their quarter-final game in Montreal on Monday. Julien Gauthier scored a pair of third-period goals to lead Canada to a 5-3 win. MINAS PANAGIOTAKIS/GETTY IMAGES

WORLD JUNIORS

U.S. holds off Switzerland

The United States still has yet to trail at the world junior hockey championship, just getting past a feisty Switzerland squad by a 3-2 final in Monday's quarter-final at the Air Canada Centre.

Jordan Greenway scored the go-ahead goal and eventual game-winner six-plus minutes into the third period after the Swiss rallied from a 2-0 first-period deficit. Jeremy Bracco added a goal and assist and Tyler Parsons made 19 saves for the Americans, who will face Russia in a Wednesday semifinal at the Bell Centre in Montreal.

A projected top-10 pick at the 2017 NHL draft, Nico Hischier scored both goals for Switzerland, which not only dug out from a two-goal deficit, but held the U.S. to just two second-period shots while outshooting them 21-17 overall.

The Americans are looking for their first gold medal at the event since 2013, when a squad brimming with future NHLers, including Johnny Gaudreau and Alex Galchenyuk, edged past Sweden in Ufa, Russia.

Greenway finished with a goal and an assist following a three-point outing against Canada. THE CANADIAN PRESS

ALSO MONDAY

Sweden 8, Slovakia 3
Tim Soderlund and Joel Eriksson Ek each scored twice as Sweden defeated Slovakia.

Russia 4, Denmark 0
Kirill Kaprizov scored twice in Russia's shutout.

IN BRIEF

Coach Kubiak steps away from Denver sidelines

Denver Broncos coach Gary Kubiak stepped down from his dream job on Monday because of health concerns, saying "the demands of the job are no longer a good fit for me."

Kubiak missed a week of work in October after suffering a complex migraine, his second health scare in three years.

Kubiak went 24-11, including a victory in Super Bowl 50, but a 9-7 finish this season kept the Broncos out of the playoffs.

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Duke's Coach K slated for time off after back surgery

Hall of Fame Duke basketball coach Mike Krzyzewski is stepping away from the team to have lower back surgery.

The school announced Monday that the procedure is scheduled for Friday, with an anticipated recovery time of four weeks. Krzyzewski, 69, will coach Wednesday night's game against Georgia Tech before handing off to associate head coach Jeff Capel. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Trojans conquer Penn State with late rally

Matt Boermeester kicked a 46-yard field goal as time expired, and No. 9 Southern California rallied from a 14-point deficit in the fourth quarter for a spectacular 52-49 victory over No. 5 Penn State on Monday night in the highest-scoring Rose Bowl ever played.

Freshman Sam Darnold passed for 453 yards and five touchdowns in leading the jaw-dropping comeback.

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Tarasenko's Blues top Chicago in open air

Vladimir Tarasenko looked quite comfortable at Busch Stadium. It turns out his wicked wrist shot works outside, too.

Tarasenko scored two goals in the third period, Jake Allen stopped 22 shots and the St. Louis Blues beat the Chicago Blackhawks 4-1 in the Winter Classic on Monday at the longtime home of baseball's St. Louis Cardinals. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wolfpack find 'rough diamond' in Ngawati

RUGBY

New Toronto team singles out teenager as a top prospect

The Toronto Wolfpack are hard at work building for the present. But the fledgling rugby league franchise has not forgotten the future.

The Wolfpack, who open play in March in the third tier of the English rugby league, are assembling their lineup at a training camp in north England. Along the way, they have identified Canadian teenager Quinn Ngawati as one to watch.

The 17-year-old from Victoria was one of three trialists to survive the cut after 18 players were invited to England from tryout camps in Canada, the U.S. and Jamaica. Ngawati attended the last tryout in Vancouver.

"I was obviously a little bit nervous but I just did what I knew I could do," said Ngawati. "I was pretty confident in how I played in the trial. So really I gave it my best and (thought) whatever came of it I would be happy with the opportunity."

The 18 trialists, who included former Buffalo Bill Corey Knox, spent a little more than a week at camp in England before beating a local side, the Brighouse Rangers, 28-26 with Ngawati contributing a try. Their experience was captured on film for a future program called The Last Tackle.

At six-foot-four and 200 pounds, Ngawati is built for rugby league, said Wolfpack coach Paul Rowley.

"He's an intelligent young man, an ambitious young man and a multi-skilled young man," added Rowley, a former England hooker. "So he's got all the attributes.

"Right at the beginning of the journey, we set out to find a rough diamond and he could be that rough diamond. He's got a lot of work to do to bring him up to speed, he's very, very much a project."

To that end, the Wolfpack hope to put him in a rugby league academy in England next summer after he finishes his studies at St. Michaels University School in suburban Victoria.

"He wouldn't be able to feature in our team now. He'd get eaten alive at that level," said Rowley. "But I guess the limit to what he could progress into is pretty high. So what we need to do is to give him an opportunity to reach that limit, reach his potential and fulfil all his ambitions."

That includes maintaining his education off the field.

"We want to tread very very carefully to make sure he continues down the right path," said Rowley, whose squad returned to training Monday after a holiday break.

In the meantime, Ngawati continues to grow in both rugby codes. He started at centre for Canada's under-19 rugby union team against the U.S. on Monday in Chula Vista, Calif. He also plays rugby union for his school and for the Westshore club.

"I can tell that the morning after a rugby league match, your upper body, your arms are feeling a lot more sore," Ngawati said when asked about league versus union. "The physicality is what I love about the game.... You've really got to show your worth. If you're not running as hard as you can, you're going to get smashed."

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We want to tread very very carefully to make sure he continues down the right path. Wolfpack coach Paul Rowley

Quinn Ngawati of the Toronto Wolfpack leaps to gain possession of the ball during recent action against the Brighouse Rangers in England. TORONTO WOLFPACK HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Defoe dents Liverpool hopes

PREMIER LEAGUE

Ex-Toronto FC striker stars for spoilers Sunderland

Liverpool's pursuit of English Premier League leader Chelsea stalled on Monday as Jurgen Klopp's four-match winning run ended at Sunderland.

Liverpool's 2-2 draw against Sunderland means Chelsea can open up an eight-point lead by beating Tottenham Wednesday.

Twice Liverpool led in north-east England — through Daniel Sturridge and Sadio Mane — but on both occasions Jermain Defoe scored penalties to draw Sunderland level. Mane's hand-ball was responsible for conceding the second spotkick.

"I must be honest, it doesn't feel good and it's not because of the point, it's because two penalties in a game," Klopp said. "That was harsh, very hard to accept.

"But obviously I have to accept it, so I will do it."

In Manchester, it was a 2-1 win for City over Burnley but Pep Guardiola was suggesting he might not have long left in management after the game.

Halfway through his first season at City, the 45-year-old coach said: "It might be one of my last teams."

English football is proving far tougher for Guardiola than Spanish or German.

After losing at Liverpool on Saturday, City started badly against Burnley when Fernandinho was sent off in the 32nd minute for a two-footed lunge on Johann Gudmundsson.

City held off Burnley with 10 men and seized the lead in the second half through Gael Clichy. Sergio Aguero came off the bench to score a second, ensuring Ben Mee's goal for Burnley would only be a consolation.

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ON MONDAY

Man City 2, Burnley 1
Sunderland 2, Liverpool 2
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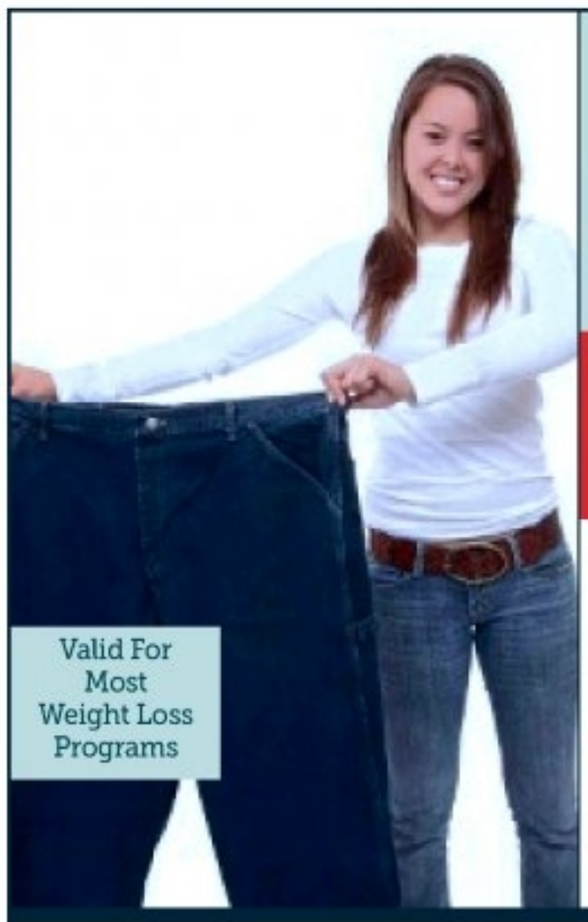
Liverpool goalkeeper Simon Mignolet takes the ball away from Jermain Defoe on a breakaway on Monday at Sunderland. Defoe still managed to score twice in the contest that ended 2-2. IAN MACNICOL/GETTY IMAGES



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MAKE IT TONIGHT

Spicy Curried Pumpkin Soup

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

We've packed this soup with vitamin-rich pumpkin, spices and creamy coconut milk.

Ready in 40 minutes
Prep time: 30 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 1 or 2 glugs of olive oil
- 1 onion, diced
- 2 cloves of garlic, minced
- 1 tsp ginger, minced
- 1 tsp cumin
- 1 tsp ground coriander
- 1 tsp curry powder
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 x 14 oz. pumpkin purée (not pie filling!)
- 2 cups low-sodium vegetable or chicken stock
- 1 cup water
- 1 x 14 oz. coconut milk (Try lite for all the flavour and less fat)

Directions

1. Warm olive oil in a large pot over medium heat. Add onions and garlic until they soften. Now add spices and let cook a few minutes. Keep stirring so they don't start to stick to the bottom of your pot.

2. Empty pumpkin purée into the pot and give it a mix with the onions and spices. Now add stock, water and coconut milk. Let simmer about 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Don't let it get too hot or the coconut milk may split.

3. Turn off the heat and allow the soup to cool a bit before either putting into the blender in batches to purée or just giving a whiz with a submersion blender. Warm again and serve.

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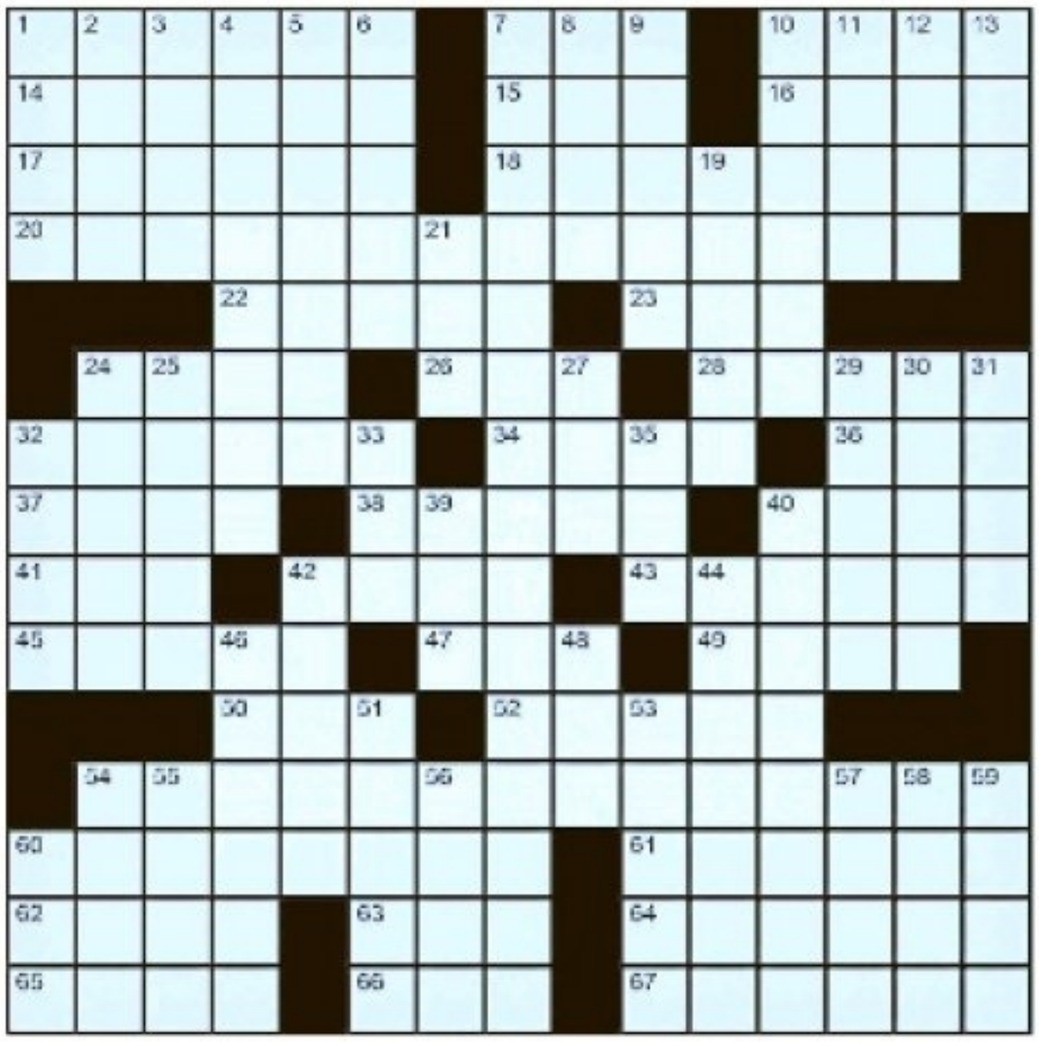

ACROSS
1. Lorraine of "Rizzoli & Isles"
7. And so forth [abbr.]
10. Niagara-on-the-Lake theatre festival
14. Lucy Maud Montgomery's gig
15. Bucharest money
16. Skier's one-of-two
17. Trickiest
18. Town in central Alberta
20. Taking the stairs instead of the escalator when possible, having an apple instead of apple pie, etc.: 2 wds.
22. Anteater's nozzle
23. Traveller's way, briefly
24. Vintage arcade game, __-Ball
26. "Hello" singer's initials-sharers
28. No __ Salt (Food label info)
32. Shaped like a box
34. 'Alphabet' suffix
36. Cubed food flavouring brand
37. Some sea birds
38. Desi Arnaz's actress daughter
40. Montreal 'honey'
41. "House" actor Mr. Penn
42. Prince Charles, some day
43. Putter's positioning
45. Playwright's production place
47. Match
49. Down Under boots
50. Tolkien creature
52. Dick __ Jr. (Canadian broadcasting legend)
54. They're quite helpful in making Resolutions turn into realities: 2 wds.
60. 'Canada's Victorian Oil Town', located in southern Ontario near Sarnia
61. Figure of speech
62. Shield border
63. Person in command [abbr.]
64. Capital of Kansas
65. Podium
66. French language possessive
67. "__ House" (1978)

DOWN
1. Big party
2. Sporting guideline
3. "Right back __ __!" (Same to you!)
4. Bill and Hillary's daughter's namesakes
5. Kevin of "Field of Dreams" (1989)
6. Prefix to 'dontist' (Teeth specialist)
7. Instruments in Randy Bachman's collection: 2 wds.
8. High-__ (Electronically advanced)
9. "My Fair Lady" (1964) director George
10. Made the recipe 'hot'
11. Digger's creation
12. Shakespeare play title-starter
13. Mini
19. St. __ (District of Winnipeg)
21. Montreal airport code
24. Gym movement for legs
25. "__, Fran and Ollie"
27. Biology, e.g.
29. Faring
30. Business bigwigs, briefly
31. Chiquita's competitor
32. __ Fifth Avenue
33. Inventor Mr. Whitney
35. Ancient bronze money
39. Cologne conjunction
40. Hawaii-set crime/action show of '80 to '88: 2 wds.
42. The Way of the Sword
44. Collegiate cost
46. Styles
48. 'Bit' of breakfast
51. Driving costs
53. Panorama
54. Michael of "Juno" (2007)
55. Mythical Hun king
56. Military assistant
57. Carpe __! (Seize the day!)
58. Betty White's "Hot in Cleveland" character
59. Sigil
60. Pocket-full-of-peas

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
This is a good day to wrap up old business with bosses, parents and VIPs. In fact, you will be surprised at how quickly this can be done.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You will be pleased to know how fast you can finish school papers or writing projects. That's because it's the perfect day to "finish" things.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
During a discussion with others, you can wrap up loose details about taxes, debt, insurance issues, shared property and inheritances. It's a good day to get these things done.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Conversations with partners and close friends will be pleasant and practical at the same time today. Fortunately, all parties are interested in getting things done.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You can expect to be involved with your job in a hands-on way today. Roll up your sleeves and dig in, because once you make the effort, you will be pleased with the results.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
If you write, act, teach or work in the arts, you will be creative today. You will see how to present things in the most attractive way possible.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Family discussions, especially about home repairs or practical matters, will go well today. People are friendly and co-operative. What more could you want?

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
This is a strong day for writers, actors and teachers, as well as sales and marketing professionals, because your speech will be charming.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Business and commerce are favored today, which is why you should respect your money-making ideas. If out shopping, you will want to buy beautiful things for yourself and loved ones.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You might run into someone from your past today. If so, the conversation will be pleasant, although a bit superficial. This is not surprising, is it?

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Someone younger might have bright ideas about how to boost your income or spend your money on a meaningful purchase. It never hurts to listen, does it?

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
A conversation with a boss or parent will go well today. People want to help you, and you are ready to say "yes."

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